**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1    1.   A computer implemented method of managing a client
2        profile, said method comprising:
3        sending a client request to a computing device, the
4        client request including a request for master profile
5        information;

6        receiving the master profile information from the
7        computing device, wherein the master profile
8        information corresponds to a master profile and
9        includes a master profile location; and

10      retrieving the master profile using the master profile
11      location.

1    2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2        matching the master profile information with an
3        existing profile;

4        determining whether to perform the retrieving based
5        upon the matching; and

6        performing the retrieving in response to the
7        determination.

1    3.   The method of claim 2 wherein the matching further
2        comprises:
3        retrieving a revision time corresponding to the
4        existing profile; and

5        comparing the revision time with a master profile
6        revision time that corresponds to the master profile.

1　4.　The method of claim 1 further comprising:

2　　　determining whether to automatically retrieve the

3　　　master profile;

4　　　retrieving the master profile in response to the

5　　　determination;

6　　　detecting whether to notify a user of the master file

7　　　retrieval; and

8　　　notifying the user in response to the detecting.


1　5.　The method of claim 4 further comprising:

2　　　querying the user in response to the determination as

3　　　to whether to retrieve the master profile;

4　　　receiving a response from the user in response to the

5　　　query;

6　　　identifying whether to retrieve the master profile

7　　　based upon the response; and

8　　　performing the retrieving in response to the

9　　　identifying.


1　6.　The method of claim 1 wherein the computing device is

2　　　adapted to identify the master profile information

3　　　using client properties included in the client

4　　　request, wherein the client properties are selected

5　　　from the group consisting of a client location and a

6　　　user functionality description.


1　7.　The method of claim 1 wherein the computing device is

2　　　adapted to use authorization information included in

3      the client request in order to determine whether to

4      send the master profile information.

1   8.      An information handling system comprising:

2      one or more processors;

3      a memory accessible by the processors;

4      one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by

5      the processors; and

6      a client profile management tool for managing client

7      profiles, the client profile management tool

8      comprising software code effective to:

9          send a client request to a computing device,

10         the client request including a request for

11         master profile information;

12         receive the master profile information from

13         the computing device, wherein the master

14         profile information corresponds to a master

15         profile and includes a master profile

16         location corresponding to one of the

17         nonvolatile storage devices; and

18         retrieve the master profile from one of the

19         nonvolatile storage devices using the master

20         profile location.

1   9.      The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the

2      software code is further effective to:

3      match the master profile information with an existing

4      profile that is located in one of the nonvolatile

5      storage devices;

6       determine whether to retrieve the master profile from
7       one of the nonvolatile storage devices based upon the
8       matching; and

9       perform the retrieving from one of the nonvolatile
10      storage devices in response to the determination.

1    10.   The information handling system of claim 9 wherein the
2          software code is further effective to:
3          retrieve a revision time from one of the nonvolatile
4          storage devices corresponding to the existing profile;
5          and

6          compare the revision time with a master profile
7          revision time that corresponds to the master profile.

1    11.   The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the
2          software code is further effective to:
3          determine whether to automatically retrieve the master
4          profile from one of the nonvolatile storage devices;

5          retrieve the master profile from one of the
6          nonvolatile storage devices in response to the
7          determination;

8          detect whether to notify a user of the master file
9          retrieval; and

10         notify the user in response to the detecting.

1    12.   The information handling system of claim 11 wherein
2          the software code is further effective to:
3          query the user in response to the determination as to
4          whether to retrieve the master profile;

5         receive a response from the user in response to the

6         query;

7         identify whether to retrieve the master profile based

8         upon the response; and

9         perform the retrieving in response to the identifying.

1   13.   The information handling system of claim 8 wherein the

2         computing device is adapted to identify the master

3         profile information using client properties included

4         in the client request, wherein the client properties

5         are selected from the group consisting of a client

6         location and a user functionality description.

1   14.   A computer program product stored on a computer

2         operable media for managing client profiles, said

3         computer program product comprising software code

4         effective to:

5         send a client request to a computing device, the

6         client request including a request for master profile

7         information;

8         receive the master profile information from the

9         computing device, wherein the master profile

10        information corresponds to a master profile and

11        includes a master profile location; and

12        retrieve the master profile using the master profile

13        location.

1   15.   The computer program product of claim 14 including

2         software code further effective to:

3            match the master profile information with an existing

4            profile;

5            determine whether to perform the retrieving based upon

6            the matching; and

7            perform the retrieving in response to the

8            determination.

1   16.    The computer program product of claim 15 including

2            software code further effective to:

3            retrieve a revision time corresponding to the existing

4            profile; and

5            compare the revision time with a master profile

6            revision time that corresponds to the master profile.

1   17.    The computer program product of claim 14 including

2            software code further effective to:

3            determine whether to automatically retrieve the master

4            profile;

5            retrieve the master profile in response to the

6            determination;

7            detect whether to notify a user of the master file

8            retrieval; and

9            notify the user in response to the detecting.

1   18.    The computer program product of claim 17 including

2            software code further effective to:

3            query the user in response to the determination as to

4            whether to retrieve the master profile;

5    receive a response from the user in response to the

6    query;

7    identify whether to retrieve the master profile based

8    upon the response; and

9    perform the retrieving in response to the identifying.


1   19.   The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the

2         computing device is adapted to identify the master

3         profile information using client properties included

4         in the client request, wherein the client properties

5         are selected from the group consisting of a client

6         location and a user functionality description.


1   20.   The computer program product of claim 14 wherein the

2         computing device is adapted to use authorization

3         information included in the client request in order to

4         determine whether to send the master profile

5         information.